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ROBERTA JEAN BALAZ IS QUEEN
OF 56TH ANNUAL FORESTERS BALL

MISSOULA, Mont.--

Roberta Jean Balaz, 18, a freshman in home economics at the University of Montana, has been named queen of the 56th annual UM Foresters Ball, set for Friday and Saturday (Jan. 12-13) in the Men's Gym on the Missoula campus.

Miss Balaz, who is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene J. Balaz, 5007 Fleming Drive, Annandale, Va., was crowned queen and four other UM coeds were named princesses in her court during the annual Foresters Convocation Wednesday night in the University Theater.

The queen and her court will be on hand during the ball from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. Friday and from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday. Miss Balaz will present awards to winners of the ball costume contest both nights.

Ball princesses are Sally Sue Gregory, a sophomore in wildlife biology from Naperville, Ill.; Jennifer Munson, a senior in art from Bozeman; Susan Diane Pfau, a sophomore in business administration and education from Lewistown, and Theresa Faye Saunders, a ^{sophomore} in music education from Glasgow.

Robert J. Novotny, Chicago, Ill., a UM senior in forestry who has been assisting with preparations for the ball, said "about 400 ball tickets" were sold during the first day of ticket sales Wednesday in the University Center Mall. A sellout crowd is expected Saturday night by the ball sponsor, the UM Forestry Student Association.

Eugene L. Roach, Trochu, Alta., Can., a senior in forestry and the ball publicity chairman, said only a limited number of ball tickets were printed this year because the event is being held in the Men's Gym instead of the Harry Adams Field House, the previous ball site.

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"Because we don't have as many tickets this year, we hope those interested in attending the ball get theirs as soon as possible to insure that tickets will be available," Roach said.

The tickets, which are \$5 per couple, will be sold from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in the University Center Mall and at the gym entrance Friday and Saturday nights.

Ball entrance will be the rear (east door) of the Men's Gym. Forestry students have constructed a large bridge from Campus Drive to the entrance.

Roach said traditional and new booths and decorations for the Foresters Ball are being set up by ^{forestry} / students in the gym. Exhibits will be in conjunction with the ball theme, "History of the Ball." Included will be a photo booth, chow hall and a "bar" where soft drinks will be served.

A crew of forestry students will begin dismantling ball decorations at midnight Saturday. A UM coed, Debra Lynne Reynolds, Valparaiso, Ind., who is a junior in forestry, is in charge of clean up activities.

Chief push for the 56th annual ball is George J. Hirschenberger, Chicago, Ill., who is a senior in forestry.

Ball profits are used to provide scholarships and loans for forestry students.

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